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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masaru ISHIHARA, et al.

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REFERENCES

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AA-AC and AW-AX were cited by the Examiner in related case application Serial No.: 08/900,124, filed July 25, 1997.

Reference AG was cited by the Applicants in related case application Serial No.: 09/435,613, filed November 8, 1999.

References AF and AP were cited by the Examiner in parent application Serial No.: 09/436,756, filed November 9, 1999.

References AD-AE, AO, AQ, and AW-AX were previously cited in parent application Serial No.: 09/436,756, filed November 9, 1999.

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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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